lightly into the shallow hole.

way is open to the sea!"
"My God, Chase!" cried Deppingham,

taggering toward the opening. "These

footprints are- They've murdered her

They've come in here and surprised"

"Go easy, old man! We need to be

cool now. It's all as plain as day to

me. Rasula and his men were explor

ing the passage after the discovery of

CHAPTER XXVII.

THE PURSUIT.

His usually lusterless eyes were gleaming with mothing more than despair. There was the wild light of unmistakable relief in them.

It was as if a horrid doubt had been scaled from the soul of Lady Depping-

"We must follow!" shouted his lord-

"Stop. Deppingham!" cried Chase

leaping to his side. "Don't rush blind-

ly into a trap like that. They've got

an hour of more start of us. Noth-

ing will be accomplished by rushing

into an ambush. They'd kill us like

rats. Rasula is a sagacious scoundrel.

linguish all claim to the estate," an-

ounced the harassed husband.
"They won't do that, old man. Prom-

ises won't tempt them," protested Chase. "We've got to do what we can to rescue them. I'm with you, gentle-

men, in the undertaking-first, for hu-

winning out in this controversy by acting like confounded asses. It isn't what Sir John expects of me." In the meantime the anxious coterie

in the chateau were waiting eagerly

for the return of the searchers. Dru-

sills made one remark, half uncon

sclously, no doubt, that rasped in the ears of the princess for days. It was

the cold, bitter, resigned epitome of

"Robert has loved her for months."

"It's a plain out and out elopement,"

At last the four men appeared in the

mouth of the capern. The watchers below fell into chilled silence when

they discovered that the missing ones

were not with them. Stupefied with apprehension, they watched the men

scend the ladder and cross the

"They are dead." fell from Drusilla

Browne's lips. She swayed for an in-

stant and then sank to the ground un-

In the conference which followed

the return of the searchers it was set-

tled that three of the original party should undertake the further prosecu-

tion of the hunt for the two hoirs. Lord Deppingham found ready volun-

teers in Chase and the faithful Sellm.

They prepared to go out in the hills

before the night was an hour older. Selim convinced Chase that the wily Rasula would carry his captives to the

mines, where he was in full power.
"You're right, Selim. If he's tried

that game we'll beat him at it. Ten to

one if he hasn't already chucked them

into the sea they're now confined in

They were ready to start in a very short time. Selim carried a quantity of food and a small supply of brandy. Each was heavily armed and prepared for a stiff battle with the abductors.

one of the mills over there."

the young wife's thoughts:

Englishmen from the bank.

vigorously.

conscious.

they, Mr. Bowles?"

ham's husband.

EPPINGHAM sprang to his fee

with a flerce oath on his lips

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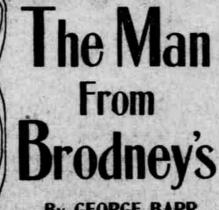
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All previous perils and all that the future seemed to promise were forgotten in the startling discovery that came with the fall of night. Lady Deppingham and Robert

Browne were missing! They had disappeared as if swallowed by the earth itself! Neenah, the wife of Selim, was the last of those in the chateau to see the helrs. They crossed the swift tor-rent by the narrow bridge at the base of the cliff and stopped below the mouth of the cavern which blew its cool breath out upon the hanging garden. Later on she saw them climb the stanch ladder and stand in the black opening, apparently enjoying the cooling wind that came from the damp bowels of the mountain. Her attention was called elsewhere, and that was the last glimpse she had of the two people about whom centered the struggle for untold riches.

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"There's just one thing to do," said Chase. "We've got to explore that cavern to the end. They may have lost their bearings and strayed off into one of the lateral passages."

"I-I can't bear the thought of her not be told from new.....\$190,00 wandering about in that horrible place," Deppingham cried as he started resolutely toward the ladder.
"She'll come out of it all right," said.
Chase, a sudden compassion in his

Drusilla Browne was standing near by, cold and silent with dread, a set expression in her eyes. Her lips mov-ed slowly, and Deppingham beard the bitter words: "You will find them,

He stopped and passed his hand over Come early and have your pick of every one on his eyes. Then, without a word, he snatched a rifle from the hands of one of the patrol and led the way up the ladder. Chase turned to the white faced princess and said between his

> "If Skaggs and Wyckholme had been in the employ of the devil himself they could not have foreseen the result of their infernal plotting. I am afraid

"Take care of him, Hollingsworth," she whispered shuddering. "Goodby, Genevra, my princess," said Chase softly and then was off sure that we won't live to tell the tale. with Britt and Selim. As he passed They will go slow now that they have Drusilla be seized her hand and paused the chief obstacles to victory in their ing enough to say:
"It's all right, little woman, take my

word for it. If I were you, I'd cry. You'll see things differently through your tears."

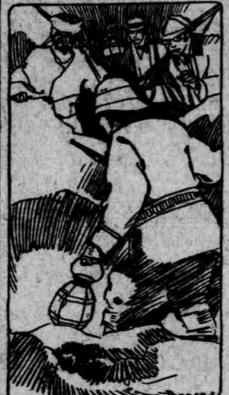
The four men, with their lights, vanished from sight a few moments later. Chase grasped Deppingham's arm and held him back, gravely suggesting that Selim should lead the way.

They were to learn the truth almost before they had fairly begun their in-

The heirs already were in the bands

of their enemies, the islanders!

The eager searchers, shouting as they went, had come to what was known as the "cathedral." This was a wide, lofty chamber, hung with dripping stalactics, far below the level at which they began the descent. The floor was almost as flat and even as that of a modern dwelling. Here the cavern branched off in three or



"Von Blitz's powder kegs did all this." four directions, like the tentacles of a monster devilfish, the narrow pas-

that tomblike mountain. Selim uttered the first shout of surprise and consternation. An instant later they were standing at the edge of a vast hole in the floor-newly made

sages leading no one knew whither in

and pregnant with disaster. A current of air swept up into their faces. The soft, loose earth about the rent in the floor was covered with the prints of naked feet; the bottom of the hole was packed down in places by a mulitude of tracks. Chase's bewildered eyes were the first to discorpt the presence of loose, acattered mason.

the princess to Chase as he stood at smile that gave the lie to her sprightly "And I'm always doing the unexpect-

ed thing-coming back. This time I may vary the monotony by failing to "I should think you could vary it

more pleasantly by not going away." she said. "You will be careful?" "The danger is here, not out there," he said meaningly.

"You mean me? But, like all danger, I soon shall pass. In a few days I shall say goodby forever and sall "How much better it would be for

ou if this were the last goodby and I should not come back!" "Yes. "u could marry the prince without having me on your conscience forevermore.

"Mr. Chase!" "It's easier to forget the dead than the living, they say."

"Don't be too sure of that."
"Ah, there's Selim! Goodby! We'll have good news for you all, I hope, beloud exclamation and then droppe fore long. Keep your eyes on Neenah. "I've got it!" he shouted, stooping She and Selim have arranged a set of to peer intently ahead. "Von Biltz's signals. Don't lie awake all right, and don't pray for me," he fred, in powder kegs did all this. The secret ssage runs along here. One of the discharges blew this hole through the

The three men stole out through the small gate in the upper end of the park. Selim at once took the lead. roof of the passage. Here are the walls of the passage. By heaven, the They crept off into the black forest

they crept on into the black forest, keeping clear of the mouragin path until they were far from the walls.

The starlight filtered down through the leafy canopy above the road, increasing rather than decreasing the mined, inspired men could have followed lowed the pace set by the lithe, sure footed Selim.

the treasure chests. They came upon this new made hole and then crawled into the cavern. They surprised Browne and— . Yes, here are the prints of a woman's shoe—and a man's too. They are gone. God help 'em!" Mile after mile fell behind them with no relaxation of energy or purpose. They were coming to the ridge road, and Selim fell back to explain Signs of a fierce struggle were found the need for caution. This was the road, in all likelihood, he explained, near the entrance to the cathedral. Bobby Browne had made a gallant that the abductors would have used fight. Blood stains marked the smooth in their flight from the cavern. Two floor and walls, and there was evidence miles farther south it joined the wide that a body had been dragged across highway that ran from Aratat to the

Selim crept on ahead to reconnoiter. He was back in ten minutes with the information that a party of men had but lately passed along the road toward the south. Their footprints in the soft, untraveled road were fresh. Britt put his hand over his eyes and shuddered. "They've settled this con-test, Chase, forever!" he groaned. The stub of a cigarette had scarcely

burned itself out.

They broke away from the road an took a less expessed course through the forest to their right, keeping well with-in earshot of the ridge, but moving so carefully that there was slight danger

of alarming the party ahead.

At last the sound of voices came to the ears of the pursuers. As they crept closer and closer they became ship, preparing to lower himself into the jagged opening. "We may be in aware of the fact that the party had halted in the roadway at the point where a sharp defile through the rocks opened a way down into the valley. Like snakes the pursuers wriggled their way to a point just above the small basin in which the party was

A great throb of exuitation leaped up from their bearts. In plain view, at the side of the road, were the two persons for whom they were searching. "Good luck is with us," whispered He'll not take the entire responsibility.
There will be a council of all the headmen. It will be of no advantage to them to kill the heirs unless they are

Lady Agnes, disheveled, her dress half stripped from her person, was seated upon a great bowlder, staring They will go slow now that they have the chief obstacles to victory in their hopelessly, lifelessly, at the crowd of men in the roadway. Beside her stood "If they will give her up to me I will quarantee that Lady Agnes shall rea tall islander, watching her and at the same time listening eagerly to the dispute that went on between his fellowse She was not bound. Her hands

and feet and lips were free.

Bobby Browne was standing near by. His hands were tightly bound be-hind his back. His face was blood covered, and the upper part of his body was almost bare, evidence of the struggle he had made against over-whelming odds. He was staring at the ground, his head and shoulders drooping in utter dejection. manity's sake; second, because I am your friend; last, because I don't want my clients to lose all chance of

Three of the treasure chests were standing beside the road, affording seats for as many weary carriers. It was all quite plain to Chase. Rasula and his men had chanced upon the two white people during one of their trips to the cave for the purpose of remo ing the chests.

Rasula was haranguing the crowd of en in the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, thankful that "It is the only way!" he was shouting angrily. "We cannot put them to death until we are sure that the othmething had happened to divert attention from their own conspicuous plight, were discoursing freely in the ers have no chance to escape to Engcenter of a group composed of the four land. I am a lawyer. I know what it would mean if the story got to the ears of the government. We have them safely in our hands. The others said Mrs. Saunders, fanning berself will soon die. Then—then there can be no mistake! They must be taken to the mines and kept there until I have explained everything to the people. Part of us shall conduct them to the lower mill and the rest of us go on to "But, my dear," expostulated her husband, blushing vividly over the first public use of the appellation, "where the devil could they clope to?" "I don't know, Tommy, but elopers never take that into consideration. Do

the bank with these chests of gold." Rasula and six of the sturdlest me prepared to continue the journey to Aratat, transporting the chests. Five sullen, resentful fellows moved over beside the captives and threw them selves down upon the grassy sward, "We will wait here till day comes,

growled one of them defiantly. "Why should we risk our necks going down the pass tonight? It is 1 o'clock. The sun will be here in three hours. Go

"As you like, Abou Dal," said Rasula, shrugging his pinched shoulders. "I shall come to the mill at 6 o'clock." Turning to the prisoners, he bowed low and said, with a soft laugh: "Adios, my lady, and you, most noble sir. May your dreams be pleasant ones. Dream that you are wedded and have come into the wealth of Japat, but spare none of your dream to the husband and wife who are lying awake and weeping for the foolish ones who would go searching for the forbidden fruit. Folly is a hard road to travel, and it leads to the graveyard of fools. Adios!"

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